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TWO CENTS.

COMPLETE DEFEAT FOR RUMANIANS

Heavy Blow in Loss of Constanza, Their Greatest Port and Terminal

GERMAN GENERAL MADE BOLD STROKE

Von Mackensen Threw His Army Forward 15 Miles in 24 Hours, Crossing the Railway and Compelling Abandonment of City.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—According to reports from Bucharest the forces of the Central powers took little booty at Constanza as the evacuation had been decided upon some time ago.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—After breaking the left wing of the Russo-Rumanian defense in Dobrudja, says the Chronicle, Von Mackensen pushed instantly forward 15 miles and threw his army within 24 hours across the railway. Constanza was thus cut off and had to be abandoned. The Russo-Rumanian forces must keep in contact with Tchernavoda bridge, their sole line of communication across the Danube. Possibly the allies will not try to hold the bridge-head, but retreat across the bridge would be fought with the utmost difficulties. One cannot escape the impression that on all the Rumanian frontiers the defenders are outnumbered.

BERLIN, Oct. 24.—Commenting on the victory of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army in Dobrudja the military critic of the Overseas News agency says: "The encircling movement by the Teutonic forces at Hermannstadt changed the Transylvanian adventure of the Rumanians into a speedy and complete defeat. In the same way the capture of Constanza constitutes a decisive blow to them in the Dobrudja theater of war. The advance planned by the Rumanians and Russians through Dobrudja against the line of communication between Sofia and Constantinople has been frustrated."

The importance of the capture of Constanza lies in the fact that it is Rumania's greatest port and the terminal of the rail-

First Baptist Church

The regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society will be held this evening at 7:30. Topic, "Ministry and Womanliness." Neh. 6:1-13. Esther 4:6-16. Leader, Mrs. F. L. Smith.

A singing class will be organized Tuesday evening, Oct. 24, at 8:15 in the Baptist chapel under the direction of F. M. Cram. This is not sectarian and has the approval of the pastors of the several churches. All are invited to join.

Thursday, Oct. 26, at 3 p. m.—A meeting of the women of the church and congregation at the home of Mrs. L. W. Hawley, 16 Chapin street. The new constitution is ready for adoption. Missionary meeting.

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28.—The Woman's society will conduct a rummage sale in the vacant store on High street. Bring all parcels to this store on Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning. If unable to bring parcels report to Mrs. C. R. Crosby.

LOSS REPORTED OF GERMAN SUBMARINE

Persistent Rumor That the U-53 Was Sunk Off Sydney, N. S., by Patrol Boat.

BOSTON, Oct. 24.—Capt. W. Tudor of the British steamship Hochelaga, which arrived today from Louisbourg, stated that before he left Nova Scotia persistent rumors were current that the German submarine U-53 had been sunk off Sydney, N. S., by the Canadian patrol boat Stanley. Capt. Tudor said no mention was made of the fate of the crew of the submarine. Capt. Tudor said he heard the rumor several times but was unable to verify it.

road between the Black Sea and the Danube, which it crosses at Cernavoda.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—The capture of Constanza, although not unexpected, nevertheless puts a damper on the enthusiasm aroused by the continued progress of the entente allies on the Peadry front. Von Mackensen's action up to the present time is considered a defensive one in shortening his front so as to hold it better with fewer men.

SAYS BLACKLIST IS DISGUISED.

Berlin Tells of British Use of So-called "White List."

BERLIN, Oct. 24.—"The British government not only publishes 'black lists' and 'gray lists,' but also publishes 'white lists,' which contain the names of persons and houses to whom Britishers can consign merchandise," says the semi-official Overseas News agency. "Australia likewise edits white lists for China, Siam and Liberia."

"The British lists have been completed by so-called secret lists, which have now been introduced for the handling of commerce in Europe. The names of persons and houses on this list are not published, but are known to be British stations for the control of shipping and export trading. These stations impede the forwarding of goods coming from the houses named. These goods must be unloaded in British ports and can be bought by British traders if forwarded, and it is not required they be sent back. Otherwise and if importation into England is desirable the goods are not allowed to proceed to neutral countries."

"By such secret lists England saves appearances and can pretend to yield to neutral protests, while the facts themselves are in nowise changed."

When the Algerian infantrymen otherwise known as Turcos are hard pressed during hand to hand fighting they climb trees like monkeys and hide in the leaves.

Centre Congregational Church

Thursday at 2:30 p. m.—Meeting in the chapel to sew for the home missionary box.

Thursday at 3:30—Home missionary meeting in the chapel. A large attendance is desired.

Thursday at 7:30—First meeting of the Christian Endeavor mission study class with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rhodes, 18 Washington street. All young people who desire to join are cordially invited to be present.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Tuesday evening at 7:30—Regular meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge. After the meeting there will be a Halloween social Refreshments.

CHARRED BODY FOUND IN RUINS

Mrs. E. W. Benjamin Lost Life in Burning of Hotel in Northfield

THIRTY PERSONS ESCAPED FROM FLAMES

Four Forced to Cling to Windows Until They Were Rescued—Judkins Block Also Destroyed—Loss Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

NORTHFIELD, Vt., Oct. 24.—A woman, thought to be Mrs. E. W. Benjamin, lost her life and 39 others persons escaped from the Northfield House, which was destroyed by fire today.

The charred body of the woman was found on a bed in the basement of the hotel. Firemen said she had evidently been overcome by smoke in her room on the third floor and had dropped to the basement when the floors of the hotel caved in. Three or four guests escaped by clinging from windows until they were rescued. The Judkins block adjoining the hotel was also destroyed.

The hotel was four stories high and the only means of exit was the front stairway which was cut off by fire. The Judkins block was a two and one-half story building with stores on the street floor and offices above.

The fire is believed to have started in the hotel. The total loss is estimated at between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

Late in the afternoon the body of Mrs. Benjamin was identified. She came here recently from Boston.

AMATEUR AVIATOR DROWNED.

Alexander Brown Fell into Delaware River Near Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24.—Alexander Brown, the widely known polo player, fell from his hydroplane into the Delaware river at Essington, below this city, today and was drowned. Brown, along with a number of other wealthy Philadelphians, had been making frequent flights. Today's was to have been his last in a test for a license. Brown was about 100 feet up when watchers noticed that something was wrong and a moment later the machine dropped into the river. The machine was raised and Brown was found wedged tightly between the stanchions. Efforts at resuscitation failed.

MADE A RICH RAUL.

Chloroform Thieves Get \$100,000 from Long Island Residence.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A robbery by "chloroform thieves" of jewelry of the value of about \$100,000 at Roslyn, the Long Island home of Frank Grey Griswold, sportsman, was reported to the police today. Handkerchiefs saturated with chloroform were found in the sleeping rooms of the house when the family awoke and strong boxes, jewel cases and drawers had been ransacked.

TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY

Virtually the entire Constanza-Tchernavoda railway line in Dobrudja is now in the hands of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's victorious forces, it appears from a Russian official statement today admitting the evacuation of Medjidie by the Russians and Rumanians.

Medjidie is approximately 20 miles inland from Constanza, the Black sea port and terminus of the railway, the fall of which to the armies of the central powers was reported yesterday.

Medjidie, furthermore, is but little more than 13 1/2 miles from Tchernavoda, where the Russo-Rumanian forces apparently are preparing to make a stand at the bridge head protecting the town.

The Russo-Rumanian line now runs along the heights north of Constanza and Medjidie, according to the Petrograd announcement. The capture of the Rumanian town of Rashaova on the Danube below Medjidie was announced today by the German war office. Berlin also announces the capture of Medjidie. The army of Von Mackensen has taken prisoners more than 6,700 Rumanians and Russians.

German and Austro-Hungarian forces, after a violent engagement south of Kronstadt, Transylvania, yesterday captured Predeal, says the German statement. Six hundred prisoners were taken.

The war office at Bucharest today reports that Rumanian troops made an attack yesterday along the whole Olutz front near the Transylvanian-Rumanian border. The war office announced the capture of 10 machine guns and several hundred prisoners.

Regarding operations on the Somme front Berlin claims that in an attempt to break through the German lines the British and French made repeated attacks. Their assault broke down with heavy losses. The defeat of the allies was so severe, the statement says, that all along the front the dead are lying in one row after another, especially west of Transloy. South of the Somme a French attack met with similar results.

London reports that the British have fully consolidated the ground gained by them yesterday in the neighborhood of Guedecourt and Lesbocue, where the capture of 1,000 yards of German trenches was reported.

There was no infantry action along the French lines in the Somme region, the most important happenings being the development of a spirited artillery duel south of the river.

200,000 QUARTS OF MILK HELD UP

The Farmers of Connecticut Demand Increase of Eight Cents on 8 1/2 Quart Can.

PLAINFIELD, Conn., Oct. 24.—A milk strike was declared by the farmers throughout this section today. According to reports received here not a can of the 200,000 quarts of milk daily shipped to Boston and other New England points was sent out, because, it was said, of the failure of the farmers to receive from the dealers the prices demanded by them. The farmers have been getting 42 cents for an eight and one-half quart can and now ask 50 cents, while the dealers are offering 47 cents.

TRY TO STOP STRIKE.

Ministers Take Action in Canadian Pacific Situation.

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—With the movement of troops, munitions and crops involved in the threatened strike of the trainmen of the Canadian Pacific railway the ministers assembled today at an emergency cabinet meeting to deal with the situation. Later the cabinet issued a public appeal.

GIRL KILLED IN MOTOR CAR.

Head Hits Tree as Machine Grazes By—Two Others Hurt.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Oct. 24.—Miss Mabel Dowley of 201 Court street, Brooklyn, was killed here yesterday in an automobile accident. Robert Welsh of 157 Bergen street, Brooklyn, has been charged with manslaughter and committed to jail without bail.

Welsh was driving the car in which Miss Dowley met her death. Others in the car were James A. Hearn, 71 Columbia street, Brooklyn; William Gardner, 64 Degraw street, Brooklyn; Miss Catherine Dowley, a sister of the dead girl, and Miss Mary Collins, 45 Weyckoff street, Brooklyn.

The car grazed a tree in front of the home of John Chaffin. Miss Dowley was sitting on this side, and it is supposed her head hit the tree. The car then hit two wooden gutter bridges, the front wheels collapsed, and Miss Catherine Dowley and Miss Collins were severely injured.

THE WEATHER.

Cloudy Tonight—Rain in Vermont—Warmer—Local Showers Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, October 24.—The weather forecast: Cloudy tonight. Rain in Vermont. Warmer except on the eastern Maine coast. Wednesday local rains. Moderate winds, mostly north and northeast.

COUNTY COURT IS NEARLY FINISHED

Only Minor Matters Remain to Be Disposed of at Present Session

DIVORCE DECISIONS ANNOUNCED TODAY

Several Brattleboro Petitioners in List, Including Wilson, English and McNeirny, All of Whom Resume Maiden Names.

Judge Leighton P. Slack announced several decisions in divorce cases at the morning session today of the county court at Newfane. The court term is rapidly approaching a close, only minor court matters apparently standing in the way of an adjournment within a day or two.

The following were the cases decided and announced:

Earl Derry, divorce from Hazel Derry on the ground of desertion.

Harriet B. Lynde, divorce from Charles H. Lynde on the ground of intolerable severity, custody of minor children, Evelyn and Lillian, to petitioner with order to permit visits of the children to the parent who does not have them in custody.

Louis E. Day, divorce from Bertha P. Day on the ground of wilful desertion; custody of one minor child to the petitioner.

Edward E. Ferrin, divorce from Alice Lombard Ferrin on statutory grounds.

Edith E. Baxter divorce from William P. Baxter for neglect and refusal to support, custody of minor son to the petitioner.

Blanche Drown Wilson of Brattleboro, divorce from Emerson R. Wilson on the ground of wilful desertion; petitioner given right to resume maiden name.

Ethel L. Strawser, divorce from Lewis E. Strawser on the ground of wilful desertion; custody of two minor daughters to the petitioner.

Daisy Phillips English of Brattleboro, divorce from Edward G. English on the ground of intolerable severity; petitioner given right to resume her maiden name.

Arthur J. Blanding, divorce from Kate Blanding on the ground of desertion and the gross libel discontinued; case continued as to permanent custody of minor child, but temporary custody given to E. M. Spencer, grandfather of the child, with the order that the grandfather is to bring the child to Brattleboro every Sunday and permit the child to be in the care of the father from 9:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Emma I. Upman, divorce from Carl P. Upman on the ground of neglect and refusal to provide; petitioner given right to resume maiden name.

Jennie McElhinny McNeirny of Brattleboro, divorce from Frank McNeirny of New York on the ground of intolerable severity; petitioner given right to resume maiden name and alimony ordered as per order which is not on file.

CHARGED WITH CHILD MURDER.

Ducharme Waived Examination and Was Held for Grand Jury.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 24.—Francis Ducharme, charged with the murder of three-year-old Leona Kaczar, was arraigned in police court today. He pleaded not guilty. He waived examination and was held for the grand jury in December.

KILLED BY STREET CAR.

Mrs. Jones Was Sensational Bareback Rider in Earlier Days.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 24.—Tragedy today closed the career of Mrs. Pearl Jones, who in her younger days was a sensational bareback rider. She was struck and killed by a street car.

HUGHES IN NEW YORK.

To Make Three Speeches There After Resting at Montclair.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Oct. 24.—Charles E. Hughes, who has been resting here for a few days from campaign activities, will leave late today for New York city where he will make three speeches tonight.

GERARD AT LONG BRANCH.

Ambassador to Germany to Have Conference with President.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Oct. 24.—James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Germany had an engagement today to confer with President Wilson on diplomatic questions. The President will leave tomorrow for Cincinnati on his last trip west before election.

Sid Holbrook of Keene, N. H., one of the Dartmouth players, has a splintered rib as the result of the Georgetown game.

SUPREME WARDEN AT N. E. O. P. MEETING

Public Meeting of Brattleboro Lodge—Other Prominent Members Present—Program Given.

A public meeting of Brattleboro lodge, N. E. O. P., was held last evening in Grand Army hall, at which a good number were present to meet the supreme and grand officers. The meeting was called to order by Warden S. W. Knight of the local lodge, who welcomed the officers and friends. After prayer by the chaplain the following program was rendered:

Piano solo, Miss Addie McEacham; speech for the good of the order, Grand Warden T. J. Bagley of Bellows Falls; recitation, Mrs. Grace Larabee. The speaker of the evening, Supreme Warden Arthur E. Willis of Boston, was introduced and gave a pleasing and able address on Fraternal Insurance.

This was followed by a recitation by Miss Beatrice Bennett and two charming songs by Miss and Mr. Richardson, accompanied by Miss Goldie Johnson; speech by Supreme Deputy J. B. Harris; recitation by Past Warden Austin Nichols. The meeting closed by all singing America. Refreshments were then served and a social hour ended a very pleasant evening.

CALMNESS NOW OVER JUSTICES

Republicans and Democrats Agree on List of Candidates and Each Party Files Same Names.

Everything is all clear sailing now on the justice of the peace tickets of both the Republican and Democratic parties. Both have filed the same list of candidates, including 10 Republicans and five Democrats.

The Democratic list contains the five names that were put on the ticket at the caucus held last Thursday night, which is slightly different from the one named at the first meeting of the Democrats. The name of Charles F. Mann appears on the Democratic list in place of that of Edgar H. Davenport, which was on the first list. The Republicans have certified to the Democrats and the Democrats have returned the favor, so there is no contest and the following are due to be elected:

Republicans—Robert C. Bacon, William R. Daley, J. G. Estey, C. E. Hopkins, F. B. Pier, C. M. Miller, A. F. Schwenk, F. D. E. Stowe, E. J. Waterman and Harold E. Whitney.

Democrats—C. A. Boyden, Charles F. Mann, Harry B. Haus, Daniel F. Riley and W. A. Shumway.

CAPITAL IN QUERETARO.

Carranza and Obregon Leave Mexico City to Gonzales.

LAREDO, Texas, Oct. 24.—Gen. Carranza accompanied by Alvaro Obregon, minister of war, and a retinue of administration officials, is at Queretaro, where over six carloads of war munitions were taken from Mexico City, according to information received from sources heretofore reliable, which also says Gen. Pablo Gonzales, who has been operating in the state of Morelos, has returned to Mexico City, and will remain there in charge of the city. No reason is known here for these reported movements.

Manuel Amaya, one of the wealthiest residents of Mexico, and Neco Forro Sembrano, treasurer-general of the de facto government of Mexico, have left the capital for the United States, according to a passenger arriving here from Mexico City yesterday.

Mrs. Venustiano Carranza, her two daughters and Mrs. Alvaros Obregon, who arrived at Nuevo Laredo from Mexico City, crossed the border into the United States here yesterday. It is understood Mrs. Carranza will attend the wedding of her niece, Miss Guadalupe Satinas, here, on Wednesday.

BABY'S EYE WORTH \$25,000.

Court Gives Verdict Against Midwife for Malpractice.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—The value of a baby's eyes was fixed at \$25,000 here by Judge Frank J. Murasky in superior court who gave judgment for that amount to the parents of Mary Rubio, one year old, against Mrs. Amalia Razzoli, a graduate midwife. It was alleged that the midwife failed to care for the baby's eyes properly at birth and now the eyes are sightless.

YANKEES AND BRAVES.

Boston Nationals and New York Americans to Prepare Together.

BOSTON, Oct. 24.—The Boston Nationals and the New York Americans will prepare themselves for next season's campaign by a series of joint games in the south, Secretary Hagood announced today.

Do You Know That—

The Constitution of the United States doesn't mention health?

Procrastination in sanitary reform is the thief of health?

A book on "Exercise and Health" may be had free for the asking from the United States public health service?

Not everybody can achieve greatness but everybody can be clean?

If you sow a hygienic habit you reap health—reap health and you attain longevity?

Railway cars would be sanitary if it weren't for the people in them?

SEEK CHANGE IN CEMETERY LAWS

Brattleboro Chapter, D. A. R., Starts Movement for Improvement

WILL APPEAL TO STATE LEGISLATURE

Would Make it Obligatory Upon Town Officials to Keep All Cemetery Fences Repaired, Grass Cut and Surken Graves Filled.

Much interest is being shown by the Daughters of the American Revolution in the project launched by Brattleboro chapter to amend the state laws relative to neglected burying grounds. The project was approved by the state chapter at its meeting a few days ago, and thus far it has had the approval of all who have expressed themselves in regard to it. A bill will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature to insure better care of public burying grounds and fixing a penalty for non-compliance.

The old law, chapter 180, reads as follows:

"Sec. 4153. Neglected burying grounds; Care; Expense.

"When lots or walks in a public burying ground become from neglect disfigured with weeds or by an unchecked growth of grass, or unsightly from any other cause, or when headstones or monuments have become displaced and there is no person residing in the town or vicinity whose duty it is to care for such lots or walks, who is of sufficient means to do so, the selectmen or cemetery commissioners shall, on written request of three taxpayers of such town, and within ten days from the time of such request, cause such lots and walks to be cleared of weeds and grass, the headstones or monuments to be replaced or other disfigurements removed and may draw orders on the town treasury for the expense incurred. The amount drawn from the treasury of the town for such purpose in any one year shall not exceed fifty dollars.

"Sec. 4154. Penalty for neglect of duty by officers.

"A selectman, cemetery commissioner or a trustee violating a provision of this chapter or wilfully neglecting any of the duties imposed by this chapter, for which no other penalties are provided, shall be fined \$10.

"Sec. 4155. Penalty for not keeping fences in repair; Expenditure of fine.

"When the selectmen neglect to keep in repair the fence around a public burying ground, the town may be indicted for such neglect by the grand jury of the court, and fined not more than one hundred dollars, nor less than fifty dollars; and the fine shall be expended in repairing the fences around such burial ground under the direction of a commissioner appointed by the court."

The amendment proposed by Brattleboro chapter, D. A. R., is as follows:

"Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the mayor or selectmen of all cities or towns in the state of Vermont to see that all cemeteries in their respective cities or towns are properly fenced, and to see that the grass and all brush in same is cut and removed twice each year, once between the 20th and 30th of May and once between the 1st and 10th of August.

"Sec. 2. Said mayor or selectmen shall see that all headstones or monuments that have fallen down or are out of position be put in place and made as permanent as possible, also see that any broken headstones or monuments that can be repaired at a reasonable price and put in place be attended to and that all graves that have sunken in so as to be objectionable shall be refilled.

"This act shall not apply to lots where there is a provision made for perpetual care, but it shall be the duty of the mayor or selectmen where such care has been provided for to see that it is done.

"The penalty for any city or town not complying with this law shall be twenty-five dollars and costs for each offense."

It is well known that sentiment among the large majority of town officials is not very pronounced when an expense to the town is necessary in order to back it up. Therefore not much is done under the present law to keep the cemeteries in good condition, especially in the small places. Members of Brattleboro chapter in investigating this matter have found that in many places citizens refrain from signing a petition to the selectmen to have the cemeteries improved, for fear they will be criticized on account of the expense involved, although such expense is really very small. In one place they found that the selectmen had been petitioned three times, but that they paid no attention to the petition, and the petitioners did not care to invoke the law to enforce their request. The proposed amendment eliminates the petition feature and makes it incumbent upon a town or city to keep its cemeteries in repair or pay a fine.

Spain, by royal order, has made the annual celebration of Arbor Day obligatory, a part of the expense of tree planting to be borne by municipalities.

Can You Afford to Be Without Electric Lights?

The Cost of Operating Them Is As Follows:

10-watt lamp—	8 candle power,	1/10c per hour
15-watt lamp—	12 candle power,	1/6c per hour
25-watt lamp—	20 candle power,	1/4c per hour
50-watt lamp—	40 candle power,	1/2c per hour

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